

## **Committee of Physical Therapy Minutes**

**Date:** November 5, 2004

**Time:** 11:25 a.m.

**Location:** Cumberland Conference Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

**Members Present:** Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr., Secretary  
Brigina Wilkerson  
Teresa Johnston

**Members Absent:** Corene Coffey

**Staff Present:** Marva Swann, Unit Director  
Mary V. Webb, Board Administrator  
Rainey Irwin, Litigating Attorney  
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 11:25 a.m., by Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr., Secretary

### **Office of General Counsel (OGC)**

Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney, reported that there are currently five open cases pertaining to the Board of Occupational and Physical Therapy Examiners. Two cases involve Physical Therapists and two cases involve Physical Therapy Assistants

### **Contested Cases**

Rainey Irwin, Litigating Attorney for the Office of General Counsel, presented the following Consent Order/ Agreed Order

Jamie T. Ray, P.T. received an agreed order. A motion was made by Ms. Brigina Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Teresa Johnston. The motion carried.

Allan E. Valenzuela received a consent order. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded Ms. Johnston. The motion carried.

### **Applicant Interviews/File Reviews**

Jonathon Casey McGee – After review of the file a motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve issuance of a license to Mr. McGee . The motion carried.

Sheena Lairamore – After review of the file a motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve issuance of a license to Ms. Lairamore. The motion carried.

Heather Pruitt – After review of the file a motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve issuance of a license to Ms. Pruitt. The motion carried.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve the amended minutes from the August 6, 2004 board meeting. The motion carried.

### **Roll Call Vote**

Jerry Kosten, Rules and Regulations Manager presented the Committee with a roll call vote for the rulemaking hearing that was held on October 22, 2004 regarding supervision revisions, correct numbering errors, class I continuing competence requirements and code of ethics for PTA's. A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve the roll call vote. The motion carried.

### **Discussion**

Nicole Armstrong, OGC Advisory Attorney, discussed putting a policy statement in place for applicants who have minor convictions that are five years old or older to be allowed to get their "go to work letter" and not have to wait until the next scheduled board meeting before they can start to work. A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the policy statement. The motion carried.

**The Ethics and Jurisprudence** courses for Physical Therapists was deferred until the February 11, 2005 Board meeting..

**Supervision of Home Health Aides** was deferred until the February 11, 2005 Board meeting.

Dr. Walker would like to inquire as to whether or not the Board could hire an independent consultant to handle the auditing process for the Physical Therapy committee. Nicole Armstrong deferred the request until the February 11, 2005 board meeting.

### **Remediation Review**

Richard Reeves – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to deny Mr. Reeves' remediation plan. The Committee would like for Mr. Reeves' remediation letter to

have more specific information regarding his weak areas and his past attempts to pass the exam. The motion carried.

Jami Patel – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Patel. The motion carried.

Chrissy Marter – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Marter. The motion carried.

Laura Finnern – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation that was submitted by Ms. Finnern. The motion carried.

Misty Chadwick – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Chadwick. The motion carried.

Kelly Watkins – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Johnston to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Watkins. The motion carried.

Melissa Gilbert – A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Gilbert. The motion carried.

Cheryl Border – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to accept the remediation plan that was submitted by Ms. Border. The motion carried.

Wilma Smith – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to deny the remediation plan that was submitted by Wilma Smith. The Committee want Ms. Smith to show proof that she has completed at least 100 hours of clinical practice time in a Physical Therapy clinic. The motion carried.

### **Credential Review**

Annie Verghese – According to the FCCPT report Ms. Verghese did not achieve a type 1 certificate. A motion was made by Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to not approve Ms. Verghese for a provisional license until she has achieved the type 1 certificate from FCCPT. The motion carried.

Rachna Shah – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to issue Ms. Shah a full Physical Therapy license after review and proof that Ms. Shah had successfully completed her provisional license requirements. The motion carried.

Amanda Hammack – According to the FCCPT report Ms. Hammack did not achieve the type 1 certificate. A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to not approve Ms. Hammack for a provisional license until she achieved the type 1 certificate from FCCPT. The motion carried.

Toshal Zaverchand – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve Ms. Zaverchand for a provisional license. The motion carried.

Brian Puckett – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve Mr. Puckett for a provisional license. The motion carried.

Anna Ligon – A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to approve Ms. Ligon for a full Physical Therapy license after review and proof that Ms. Ligon had successfully completed her provisional license requirements. The motion carried.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Webb reported that as of October 2004 for Physical Therapists were 3547 active licenses, 771 retired licenses, 1815 failed to renew licenses. Physical Therapist Assistants there were 1952 active licenses, 250 retired licenses and 425 failed to renew licenses.

### **Financial Report**

Ms. Webb presented the financial report which indicated that the Committee had a cumulative projected surplus as of June 30, 2004 of \$1,187,887.

### **Ratifications**

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Ms. Johnston to approve the new licenses and reinstatements. The motion carried.

### **Election of Board Officers**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnston and seconded by Ms. Wilkerson to elect Dr. J. Randy Walker, Jr. as the Physical Therapy Board Chair. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Wilkerson and seconded by Dr. J. Randy Walker to elect Ms. Johnston as the interim Secretary. The motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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